

She also set up a resources day in May of 2009 for residents concerned about the foreclosure crisis.

Madam Speaker, I have been fortunate to work with Adrienne on countless issues during my career of public service. Without question, her dedication to her work has been remarkable and this award she is to receive is fitting thanks for all those late nights and trips to Sacramento that she incurred in the name of improving daily life in San Mateo County.

IN RECOGNITION OF JANICE S.
BRAMWELL

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it has come to my attention that Mrs. Janice S. Bramwell will be retiring as Regional Director for Experience Works, Inc., after more than 30 years of service. Mrs. Bramwell has helped countless individuals in our communities, and her commitment to service will be sorely missed.

As Regional Director, Mrs. Bramwell used her lifetime of experience as a social worker to bring exceptional service to low-income seniors in Missouri and Illinois. Experience Works, Inc., formerly Green Thumb, is a non-profit organization that helps this struggling population gain the skills and training they need to find gainful employment, a service that is especially needed in this difficult economic time. During her time with this organization she has been recognized for her excellence in budget management and the job retention rate of her clients.

Together with her husband Dewey and her daughter Melissa, Mrs. Bramwell is an active member of the community. She serves as a member of the Ozark Region Workforce Investment Board, the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Missouri Senior Employment Coordinating Committee.

Madam Speaker, I trust my fellow members of the House will join me recognizing Mrs. Janice S. Bramwell for her dedicated service to the State of Missouri.

REDESIGNATING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY AS THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 24, the "Marine Corps Identity" bill. This bipartisan legislation would change the name of the Department of the Navy to the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps.

For over 200 years, the Marine Corps has fought side by side with the Navy. Yet, despite having served in every armed conflict in America's history, the Marines are not recognized at the department level. When the parents of fallen Marines receive a letter of condolence

from their country, the Marine Corps name does not even appear on the official letterhead. For too long, recognition of the United States Marine Corps has failed to match the remarkable sacrifice of its men and women.

By adding just three symbolic words, H.R. 24 will finally honor the Marine Corps as a co-equal branch of America's Armed Forces. For veterans in Minnesota and across the United States, and for our Marines currently serving overseas, I am proud to co-sponsor and vote to pass this important and overdue legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN
JOHN NEWLAND MAFFITT

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor and pleasure that I rise and ask you to join me in recognizing one of North Carolina's great historical figures, Captain John Newland Maffitt. Captain Maffitt, a longtime resident of Wilmington, North Carolina, stands out as a distinguished member of the United States Navy. First as a naval surveyor, charting much of the Atlantic coastline, and then as a blockade runner for the Confederate Navy, gallantly carrying out his duty to his homeland, Captain Maffitt deserves to be recognized among the ranks of this nation's outstanding military officers.

Foreshadowing his great career, Captain Maffitt was born at sea on February 22, 1819. Adopted by his uncle, he grew up in and around Fayetteville, North Carolina, where he became known as a sharp-witted, cultivated young man. Under an appointment by President Jackson, Maffitt took the position of midshipman with the Navy in 1832, just three days after his thirteenth birthday, and immediately began his apprenticeship. After demonstrating courage and a devotion to his country and her Navy, Maffitt became an officer at the young age of nineteen.

Sailing around many parts of the world, Captain Maffitt continued to gain valuable experience. In 1848, he took command of his first ship, the U.S.S. *Gallatin*, as a survey officer with the Coast Survey. For roughly a decade, Captain Maffitt, while commanding various ships, surveyed and charted many sections of the Atlantic coast, ranging from New England to the Southeast, resulting in honorable recognition from the Charleston Chamber of Commerce. The knowledge that he developed of these areas would later serve him well in his naval duties with the Confederacy.

Captain Maffitt would eventually take command first of the U.S.S. *Dolphin* and then of the U.S.S. *Crusader*, leading his crew to intercept ships illegally participating in the Atlantic slave trade. Indeed, Maffitt was later recognized in the Wilmington Daily Journal on September 25th, 1863, which read, "it is a curious fact, for those who maintain that the civil war in America is founded upon the slave question, that [Maffitt] should be the very man who has distinguished himself actively against the slave trade."

When Southern states began to secede, Captain Maffitt continued his duties and protected Federal property along the Southern coast. However, as the Civil War continued,

Captain Maffitt's superiors grew concerned about his Southern background, which lead Maffitt to resign his command in 1861. Wishing to put his services to use, he eventually took command of the C.S.S. *Savannah* of the Confederate Navy as a runner transporting rifles, cotton, and other goods around the Federal blockade. His knowledge of the local rivers and waterways from his surveying days helped him to elude the Federal Navy and survive a number Federal encounters.

Taking command of the C.S.S. *Florida* in 1862 with a new assignment, Captain Maffitt and his crew succeeded in capturing a larger number of Federal commercial ships over the next year. During this period, Maffitt's ship covered the seas ranging from Mobile to New York and from Brazil to France.

After recovering from brief health issues, Captain Maffitt found more success blockade running as commander of first the C.S.S. *Albemarle* and then of the private ship *Owl*. He successfully completed his final assignment for the Confederacy even after the war had ended, thus maintaining his integrity and his sense of duty.

Captain John Maffitt returned to North Carolina in 1868 and passed his remaining days peacefully at Bradley Creek, near Wrightsville Beach. He passed away on May 15, 1886, and was buried in Wilmington's Oakdale Cemetery. In his honor, on August 4th, 1943, The Liberty Ship *John Newland Maffitt* was christened at the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company to run blockades successfully, as had her namesake. Today, Captain Maffitt is also honored by a historical marker on Market Street in Wilmington.

A sure leader of his time, Captain John Newland Maffitt serves as an example across generations by acting as a man of courage, a man of duty, and a man who was devoted to serving his homeland. So, today, Madam Speaker, I wish to thank you for allowing me to honor one of North Carolina's most distinguished naval officers, and I ask my colleagues to stand with me in recognizing a man North Carolina and the United States should be proud to call their own.

CELEBRATING THE ASCENSION OF
REVEREND DR. GREGORY ROBESON
SMITH AS THE 55TH GRAND
MASTER OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL
PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND
ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise with great pride to pay tribute to my dear friend, Lodge brother, and pastor of Harlem's historic Mother African Episcopal Methodist Church, the Reverend Dr. Gregory Robeson Smith, Sr. as the 55th Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York.

Rev. Dr. Gregory Robeson Smith, Sr., a Thirty-third Degree Mason, is the grand nephew of Paul Robeson, the late great American hero, athlete, singer, actor, and advocate for international civil rights and social justice. A